<u>REMARKS</u>

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to delete the multiple dependency of claim 5 and to add new claims 7-9, thereby placing such claims in condition for examination and reducing the required PTO filing fee.

Next, paragraphs [0001], [0003], [0016], [0021] in the specification and claim 6 have been amended to correct minor errors in the English translation of the Japanese specification.

Also, drawing Figs. 3 and 6 have been amended in order to conform the drawings to the description thereof in the specification. Note, corrected drawings on replacement sheets, along with "marked-up" versions of Figs. 3 and 6, are submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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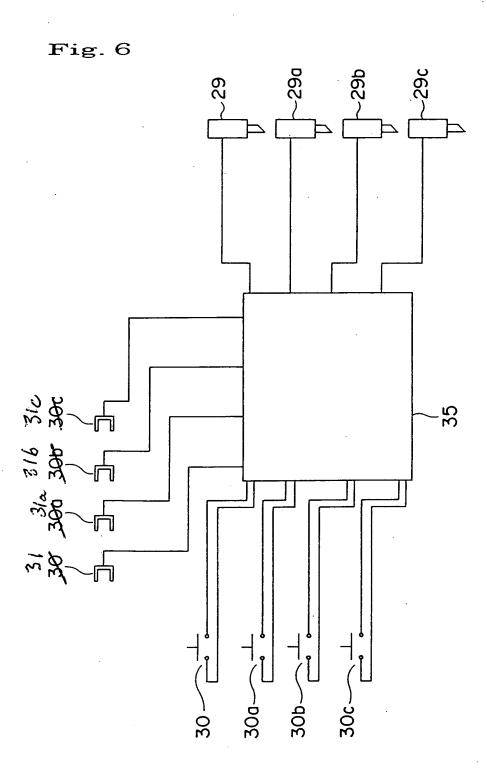
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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Kindly replace Figs.3 and 6 with the enclosed replacement sheets.



Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

Fig. 3

